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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR REBILD FESTIVAL

1. AS DEPT IS AWARE, IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO BE READ AT THE ANNUAL REBILD FESTIVAL ON JULY 4. I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING TEXT AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPT'S OBTAINING THE APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES AND LETTING ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING CORDIAL GREETINGS TO YOU WHO ARE GATHERED IN REBILD TO OBSERVE THE FOURTH OF JULY. YOUR MEETING THERE TAKES PLACE AS WE ARE USHERING IN OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR ON THE 199TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. THE DANES AND THE AMERICANS WHO ARE CELEBRATING IN THE REBILD HILLS OF DENMARK ARE AT ONE WITH US IN SPIRIT AS WE CELEBRATE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE THEME OF THE REBILD FESTIVAL THIS YEAR IS "THE ARTS". THIS SEEMS TO ME VERY FITTING FOR WE PLAN TO EMPHASIZE THE AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS DURING OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. AS MUCH AS WE MAY HAVE PROGRESSED IN A MATERIAL FASHION IN THE LAST TWO CENTURIES, WE WOULD BE LITTLE MORE THAN UNINTERESTING ROBTOS IF WE DID NOT HAVE THE INSPIRATION OF THE ARTS.

4. MY MESSAGE TO YOU TODAY CONTINUES A TRADITION BEGUN BY MY PREDECESSOR, CALVIN COOLIDGE, MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO.

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THE WORLD HAS CHANGED ALMOST AS MUCH IN THESE LAST 50

YEARS AS IT DID IN THE FIRST CENTURY AND A HALF OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. BUT ONE THING HAS REMAINED CONSTANT: THE WARM FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAS BEEN SO STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY THOSE WHOM WE ARE PROUD TO CALL DANISH-AMERICANS. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE HOURS AT REBILD WILL SERVE TO MAKE THE TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND OUR CITIZENS EVEN CLOSER. END TEXT.
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